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## **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-17 (withdrawn)

18. (currently amended) A liquid-bearing domestic appliance, in particular of comprising a dishwasher, comprising a sieve system (3, 7, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3) and/or a filter (3, 7, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3), which is provided, at or adjacent to at least one of its surfaces, with at least one antibiotic agent at or adjacent to at least one surface of the sieve system and/or filter,

wherein the antibiotic agent is provided inside an area of the liquid-bearing domestic appliance which contains stagnant water after drainage, in particular including inside a sump (3), an outlet (4) and/or an outlet tube (6).

19. (cancelled)

20. (currently amended) The liquid-bearing domestic appliance according to claim 18, wherein the at least one antibiotic agent is at least part of a surface coating or layer of the sieve system or filter (3, 7, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3), in particular wherein the antimicrobial agent is a foil and/or a coextruded or co-laminated layer and/or a fabric and/or a synthetic resin and/or a paint and/or a varnish and/or a lacquer.

21. (currently amended) The liquid-bearing domestic appliance according to claim 18, comprising at least one said sanitary component <u>carrying the antibiotic agent and being</u> replaceably fixed within the area of the liquid-bearing domestic appliance.

22. (currently amended) The liquid-bearing domestic appliance according to claim 18, wherein the at least one anti-biotic agent comprises at least one bacteriostatic and/or at least one bacteriocidal and/or at least one fungicidal and/or at least one anti-algal substance.

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23. (currently amended) The liquid-bearing domestic appliance according to claim 22, wherein

the antibiotic agent comprises at least one of the elements silver or copper or zinc or mercury or

tin or lead or bismuth or cadmium or chromium or thallium, preferably silver, and/or at least one

of the ions thereof, in particular silver ions and/or copper ions and/or zinc ions, preferably silver

<del>ions</del>.

24. (currently amended) The liquid-bearing domestic appliance according to claim 22, wherein

the antibiotic agent comprises a ceramic matrix, in particular a natural and/or synthetic zeolite

matrix, bearing the at least one bacteriostatic and/or at least one bacteriocidal and/or at least one

fungicidal and/or at least one anti-algal substance, preferably wherein the antibiotic agent

comprises a ceramic matrix comprising silver and/or silver ions.

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